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SUBJECT: MFM WORKING GROUPS

REFS: A. BRASILIA 3291 B. BRASILIA 3483

1. PADILHA VIDAL, CHIEF, FONOFF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT., CALLED IN EMOFF ON MAY 16 TO SAY THAT, FOLLOWING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL B, HE HAD DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR MFM WORKING GROUPS WITH FONMIN SILVEIRA AND THAT MINISTER HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO RE-EMPHASIZE TO EMBASSY THE POINT, MENTIONED PARA 1, REFTEL B, ON SENDING WORKING GROUP NOTIFICATIONS THROUGH ARGENTINE FONMIN. VIDAL SAID ALTHOUGH ISSUE IS PROCEDURAL, GOB FEELS THAT ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO BUENOS AIRES MFM SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. VIDAL ADDED THAT SILVEIRA WANTS ALL GOB DEALINGS INVOLVING ARGENTINA TO BE STRICTLY CORRECT AND THAT MINISTER HOPED THAT USG WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSMIT FORMAL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING WORKING GROUP ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS THROUGH ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER. VIDLA AGREE THAT PROBLEM WOULD DISAPPEAR AFTER FIRST MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS. HW ALSO COMMENTED THAT GOB WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRACTICE ADOPTED WHEREBY HOST GOVERNMENT FOR ANY FUTURE MFM

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WOULD BE COORDINATOR FOR ALL PREAPRATIONS REGARDING

THAT MEETING.

2. VIDAL INDICATED THAT BRAZILIAN SENSITIVITY ON COORDINATING ROLE FOR WORKING GROUPS WAS NOT PROMPTED BY ANYTHING ARGENTINES HAVE SAID OR DONE BUT WAS A PRE-CAUTIONARY ATTITUDE ON PART OF BRAZIL TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS.

3. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH ECON COUNSELOR, HEAD OF FONOFF ECONOMIC DEPT, BATISTA, ALSO MENTIONED GOB CONCERN ABOUT WORKING THROUGH ARGENTINE. BATISTA ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND NOTED THAT BASIC GOB POSITION AS CONVEYED TO AMB CRIMMINS BY MINISTER SILVEIRA (BRASILIA 3291) REMAINS FIXED. GOB, HOWEVER, UNDERSTANDS US CONCERN. IN EFFORT TO SEEK SOME RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM, GOB SUGGESTS THAT ISSUE BE DISCUSSED BY WORKING GROUP AT ITS FIRST MEETING. BATISTA FEELS THIS IS POSSIBLE SINCE AGENDA IS OPEN. HIS OWN VIEW IS THAT WORKING GROUP COULD POSSIBLY CONSIDER PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION BY INFORMAL OR UNACCREDITED REPRESENTATION OR BY HEARINGS.
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